

# Kristianna Johnson

Curriculum Vitae  
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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Professor** | ID Program Director  
Kansas State University, Department of Interior Architecture and Industrial Design,  
Interior Design Program (ID), 2024- present  
**Instructor**  
Kansas State University, Department of Interior Design & Fashion Studies,  
Interior Design Program (ID), 2022-2024

## REGISTRATION & AFFILIATIONS

**Licensed Architect** | State of Kansas #A7222  
American Institute of Architects  
National Council of Architectural Registration Boards  
Interior Design Educators' Council

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Kristianna Johnson** | **Sole Proprietor**  
Manhattan, KS 2024-present  
**Ben Moore Studio, LLC** | **Project Architect**  
Manhattan, KS 2016-2022  
**BG Consultants, Inc.** | **Architectural Designer**  
Manhattan, KS 2015-2016  
**Johnson Squared Architecture + Planning** | **Intern Architect**  
Bainbridge Island, WA 2014

## EDUCATION

**Master of Architecture** | Spring 2015  
Kansas State University APDesign  
**Graduate Teaching Assistantships**  
*Academic Internship* | Spring and Summer 2015  
*Fundamentals of Architectural Technology* | Fall 2014

## RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

**Extending our Land-Grant University's Expertise to Improve Early Care and Education Facilities' Current and Future Environmental Systems** | 2024  
Internal grant through K-State 105 (*funded \$21,525*) P.I., research project to collect interior environmental quality data in rural early care and education facilities in rural Kansas.

DESIGN  
AWARDS

**Merit Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation | 2024**

Territory Ballroom, Council Grove, KS | Kansas Preservation Alliance

**Honor with Distinction Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation | 2023**

Baldwin Motor Company, Emporia, KS | Kansas Preservation Alliance

**Merit Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation | 2023**

715 Commercial, Emporia, KS | Kansas Preservation Alliance

**Merit Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation | 2021**

Mueller-Schmidt House, Dodge City, KS | Kansas Preservation Alliance

**Merit Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation | 2021**

Rehabilitation of the Citizens National Bank Plaza and Lofts, Emporia, KS Kansas Preservation Alliance

**Honor Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation | 2019**

Morris County State Bank Lofts and Retail Space, Council Grove, KS | Kansas Preservation Alliance

PROJECT  
HIGHLIGHTS

(date indicates construction completion or project completion if unbuilt)

**Private Residence\***, Manhattan, KS Vicinity - Addition to Existing Residence to accommodate a modern family in an 80+-year-old home - 2024

**Baldwin Motor Company Lofts and Retail\***, Emporia, KS - Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of historic car dealership into retail spaces and the state's first upper-story Rural Housing Incentive District project - 2023

**Teague Nelson Building\***, Salina, KS - Rehabilitation of Historic Downtown Building into Retail and Office Space - 2023

**Territory Ballroom\***, Council Grove, KS - Rehabilitation of Historic Downtown Building into Event, Co-Working and Short-term Lodging - 2023

**Flint Hills Off-the-Grid Residence\***, Matfield Green, KS Vicinity - New Construction of high-end residence utilizing solar power and geothermal energy - 2022

**Neosho County Community College - Mitchell Career & Technology Center**

**Vocational Technology Facility\***, Chanute, KS - Adaptive Reuse Interior Build-out and Facade Remodel - 2022

**Mueller-Schmidt House\***, Dodge City, KS - Historic Preservation of the Building Envelope and Historic Tax Credit Application - 2021

**Citizens National Plaza and Lofts\***, Emporia, KS - Historic Rehabilitation of the Building Envelope and Adaptive Reuse - 2020

**USD 417 Morris County Elementary Schools Secure Entry Improvements\***,

Council Grove and Alta Vista, KS - Remodel and New Construction - 2020

**Vickers Station\***, Haysville, KS - Nomination and Listing of mid-century hyperbolic paraboloid service station on the National Register of Historic Places - 2019

**Morris County State Bank Lofts and Retail\***, Council Grove, KS - Historic Rehabilitation and Adaptive Reuse - 2019

**Lyman Christy Farmstead\***, Meriden, KS - Nomination and Listing of historic barn and farmstead property on the National Register of Historic Places - 2018

**Abner Allen House and Outbuilding\***, Zeandale, KS - Nomination and Listing of historic residence and ancillary building to the Register of Historic Kansas Places - 2018

**Snowden S. Mouse Service Station & Tourist Home\***, Emporia, KS - Nomination and Listing of historic residence and associated Tudor-revival filling station - 2018

**USD 417 Council Grove High School Stadium Pavilion and Concessions\***, Council Grove, KS - New Construction - 2017

\*indicates projects completed as a firm employee

LECTURES &  
PRESENTATIONS

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- 2019 **Fort Dodge Junior Officers' Quarters Feasibility Study**  
Presented to the Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs the history of the 1860's Junior Officers' Quarters building at Fort Dodge, KS
- 2019 **Downtown Pittsburg, KS Historic Survey Public Meeting**  
Town Hall style introductory meeting to downtown building owners with co-consultant Christy Davis, Davis Preservation
- 2019 **Downtown Marion, KS Historic Survey Public Meeting**  
Town Hall style introductory meeting to downtown building owners with co-consultant Christy Davis, Davis Preservation
- 2019 **Willow Springs Township, KS Historic Survey Public Meeting**  
Town Hall style introductory meeting to residents of Willow Springs, Douglas County with co-consultant Christy Davis, Davis Preservation
- 2018 **Historic Preservation: Preserving the Past While Meeting Clients' Needs** Introduction to Historic Preservation to Kansas Archaeology Training Program attendees. The historic preservation component of the training program was offered for college credit. Council Grove, KS.

WRITTEN  
REPORTS

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- 2020 **Downtown Marion, KS Survey Report**  
Report detailing the findings and recommendations to the City of Marion, KS following the survey of the downtown area and properties. Co-authored with Christy Davis, Davis Preservation.
- 2019 **Willow Springs Township, KS Intensive Survey Report**  
Report detailing the findings and recommendations to Douglas County, KS following the survey of approximately 60 properties eligible for listing on the NRHP or KRHP. Co-authored by Christy Davis, Davis Preservation.
- 2019 **Fort Dodge Junior Officers' Quarters Feasibility Study**  
Report detailing the condition and history of the Junior Officers' Quarters at Fort Dodge, as well as creating one of few, if not the first, primary sources for the history of Fort Dodge, KS. The report analyzed the feasibility of and recommendations for adaptive reuse of the building rather than demolition. Detailed plan and elevation drawings were provided with the report showing the present condition of the structure. Co-authored with Christy Davis, Davis Preservation.

EXTERNAL  
SERVICE

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- 2019 - present AIA Flint Hills Committee
- 2024 IDEC Student Design Competition - Juror
- 2021 Guest Critic - Kansas State University APDesign - Fourth-year "Net Positive" Design Studio (invited as a practitioner)
- 2020-2021 AIA Central States Region Emerging Professionals Committee - Young Architects Forum
- 2017 Guest Critic - Kansas State University APDesign - Fourth-year Interior Architecture and Product Design Studio (invited as a practitioner)
- 2016 Guest Critic - Kansas State University APDesign - Second-year Architecture Studio (invited as a practitioner)

INTERNAL  
SERVICE (to Kansas State University)

2024 - present	Interior Design Program Director
2024	Interior Design Program   Search Committee member for Tenure-track Faculty
2023	College of Health & Human Sciences   Search Committee member for Tenure-track Faculty Member
2022-2024	Interior Design Program   Social Media

COURSES  
TAUGHT

**Studio 1** | First-year ID students are taught foundational design principles as well as standard drawing and drafting convention.

**Studio 2** | First-year ID students' second studio course further developing design principles and understanding interior design in the built context using physical precedents.

**Studio 4** | Second-year ID students begin to understand the complexities and requirements of commercial design. Wellness and health are emphasized to demonstrate the relationship between human wellbeing and the physical environment.

**Studio 5** | Third-year ID students learn about hospitality and commercial office space by developing projects through to the level of design development. Students further practice specifying contract furniture and manufactured finish systems.

**Studio 6** | Third-year ID students are taught the fundamentals of construction documentation, detailing and communication of a design through the construction phase. Drawing conventions and standard documentation practices are emphasized.

**Environmental Systems for Interior Design** | Third-year ID students learn the basics of building systems and interdisciplinary coordination to create healthy, functional spaces with working, sustainable and efficient systems.

**Lighting for Interiors** | Third-year ID students learn fundamentals of lighting design, as well as new technology in lighting and "smart" building. This course challenges the students to use systems thinking to anticipate opportunities and issues in buildings of the future.

**Interior Design Internship** | Second- and third-year ID students gain academic credit hours for work experience in design firms and associated disciplines. Students are given opportunity for reflection and consideration of what their work experiences offer them and how to apply what they have learned in studio to a work setting.